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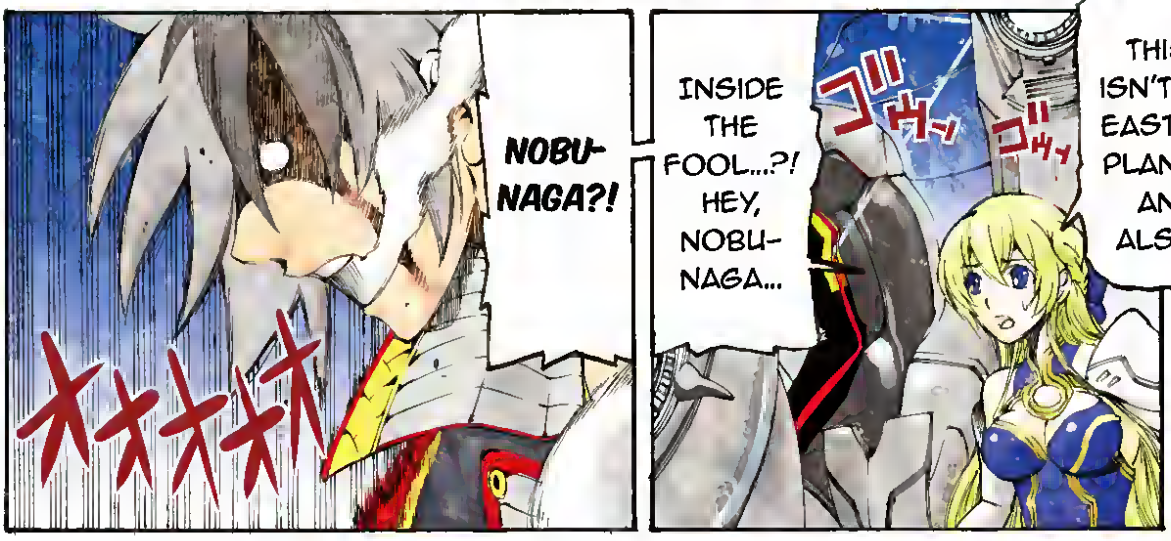

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"NOBUNAGA THE FOOL" SET IN MODERN TIMES?!
THE CURTAIN RISES ON A NEW AND SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT!!
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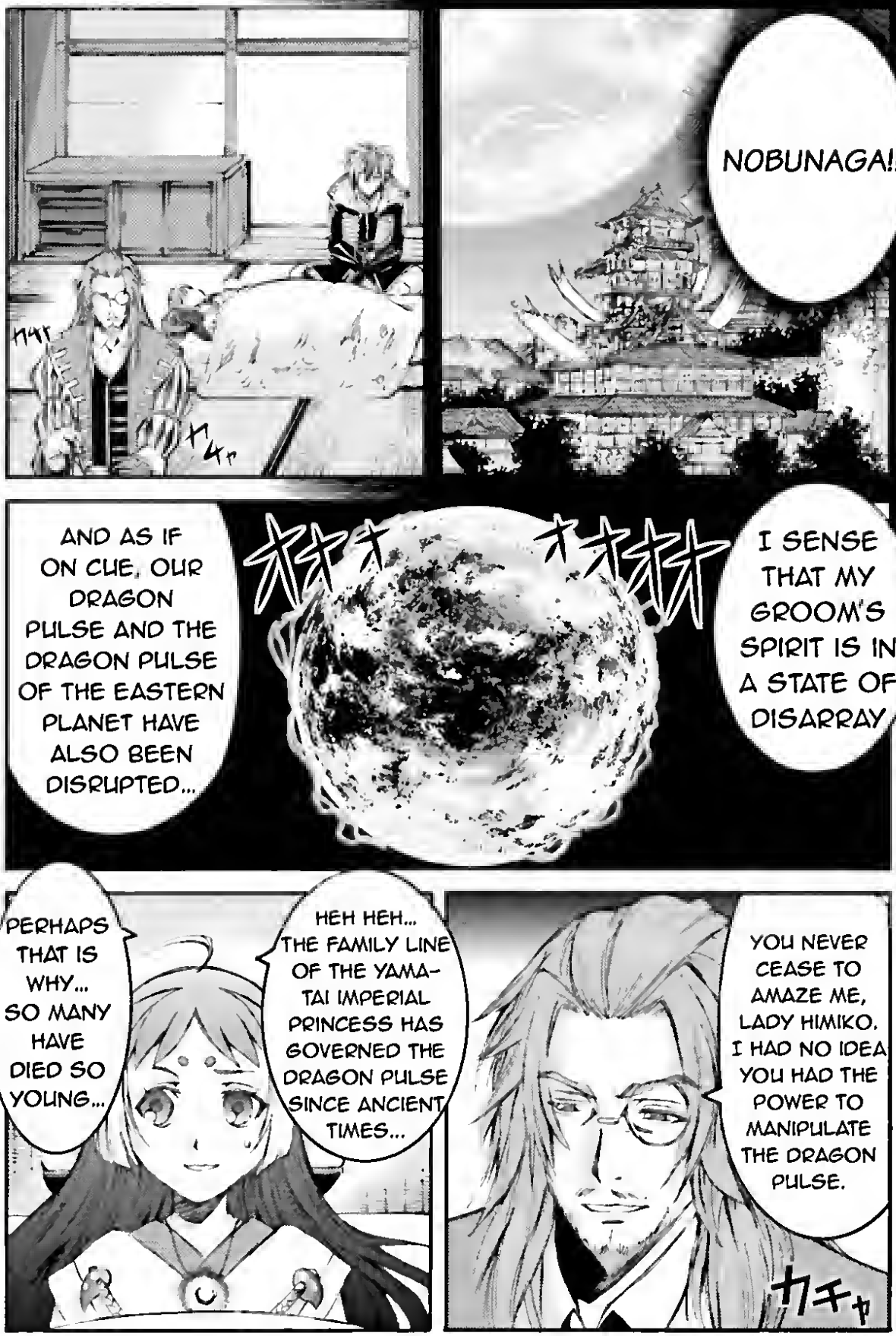
NOBUNAGA!!
I SENSE THAT MY GROOM'S SPIRIT IS IN A STATE OF DISARRAY
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AND AS IF ON CUE, OUR DRAGON PULSE AND THE DRAGON PULSE OF THE EASTERN PLANET HAVE ALSO BEEN DISRUPTED...
YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME, LADY HIMIKO. I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD THE POWER TO MANIPULATE THE DRAGON PULSE.
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HEH HEH... THE FAMILY LINE OF THE YAMA-TAI IMPERIAL PRINCESS HAS GOVERNED THE DRAGON PULSE SINCE ANCIENT TIMES...
PERHAPS THAT IS WHY... SO MANY HAVE DIED SO YOUNG...

SO YOUR MEMORY OF IT MAY BE A BIT HAZY.
IT WAS IN A PLACE WHERE THE DRAGON PULSE IS STRONG,
WHAT IS IT, HIMIKO?
MY GROOM.
YOU AND I MET WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN.
THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO SAY THIS.
THIS IS WHY I WARNED YOU NOT TO OVER-EXERT YOUR-SELF...
DAMMIT!! WHAT SHOULD I DO...
NEVER MIND! DON'T SPEAK!!
AT THAT TIME... COUGH, COUGH...!!
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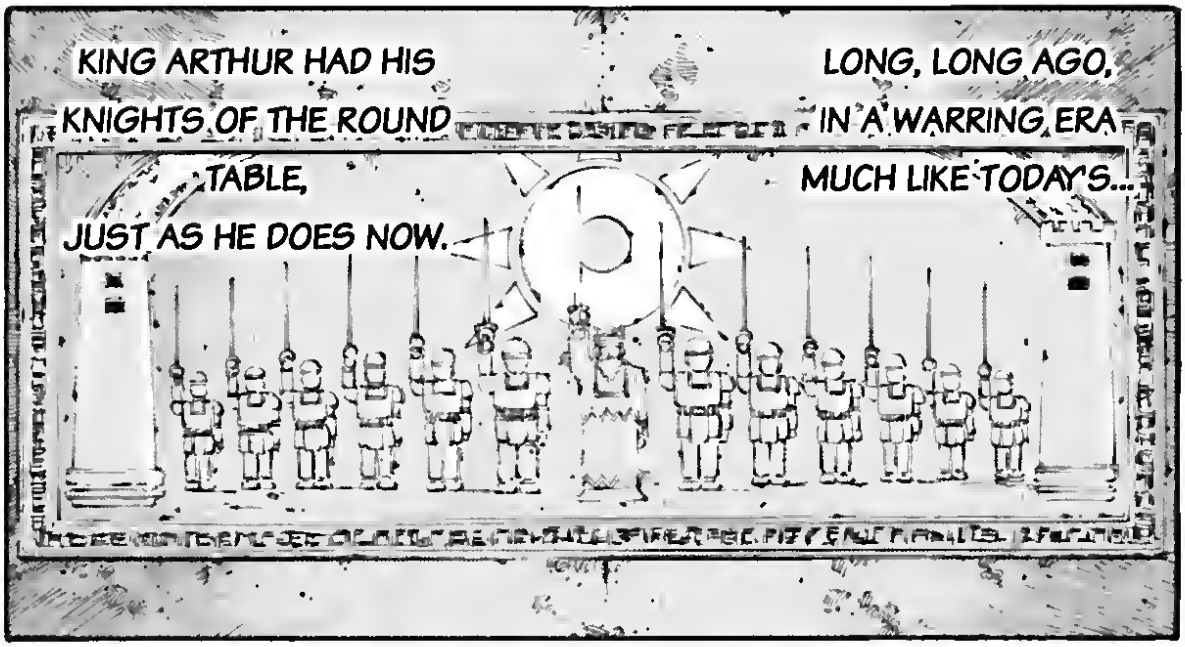
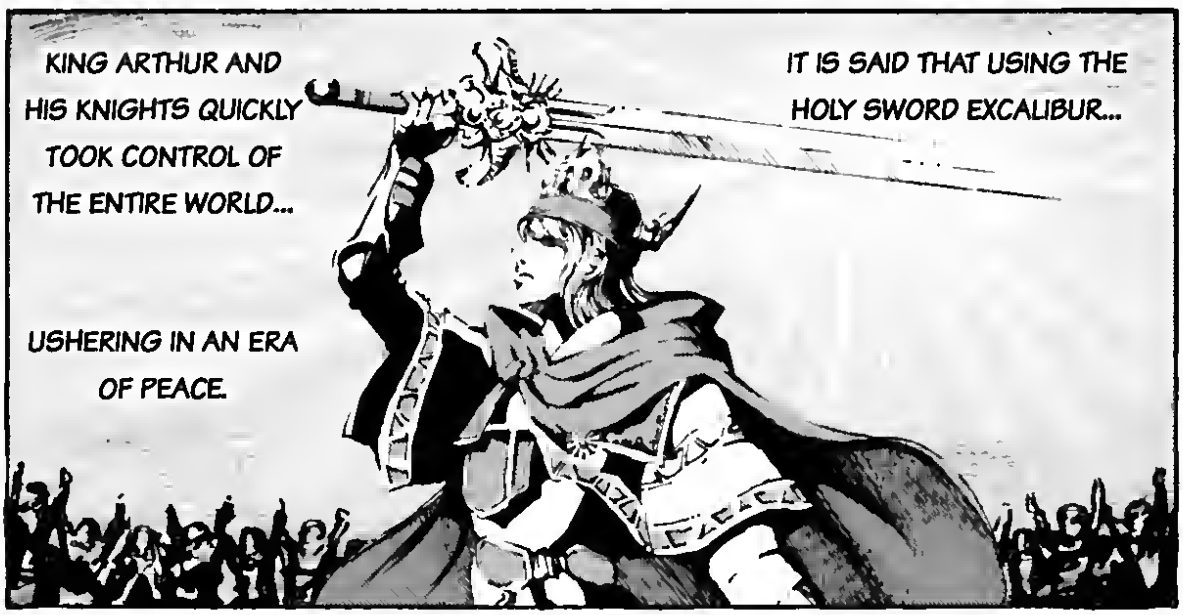
...IT WAS ACTUALLY A STORY MEANT FOR THE PUBLIC, AND PART OF IT WAS A LIE.
I HOPE THIS PROVES A SUITABLE DISTRACTION: THE NEWS ABOUT KING ARTHUR FROM A FEW DAYS BACK...

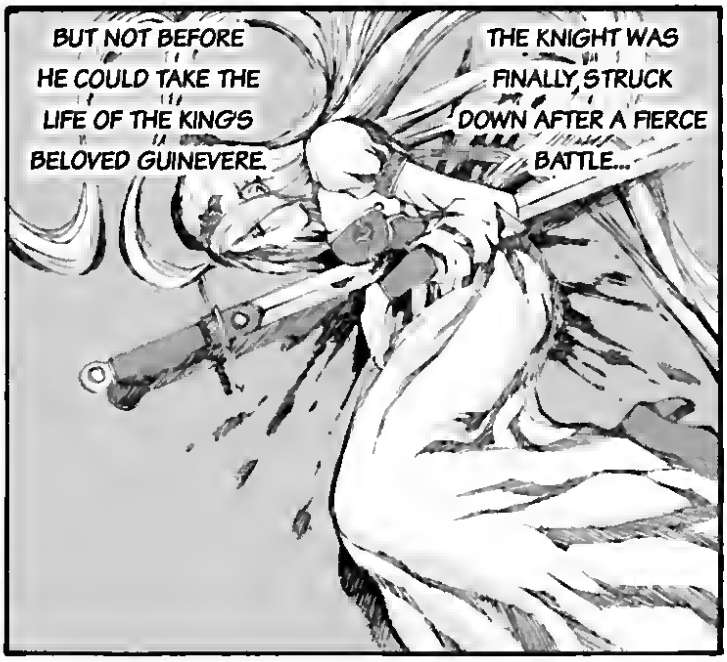

KING ARTHUR HAD HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, JUST AS HE DOES NOW.
LONG, LONG AGO, IN A WARRING ERA MUCH LIKE TODAY'S...

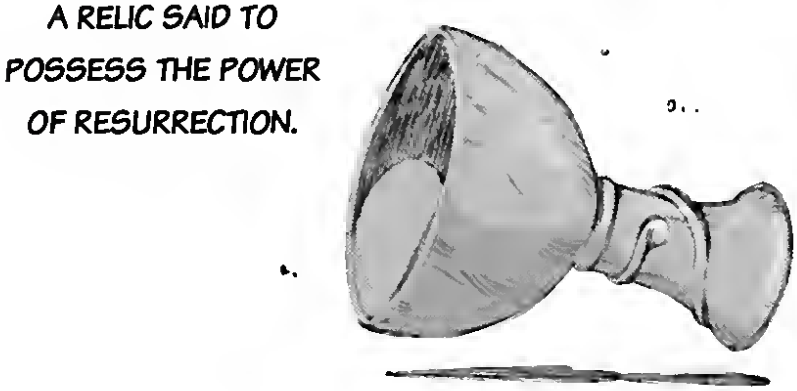
THE WORLD WAS RULED SOLELY BY THOSE WHO POSSESSED POWER.
PEOPLE WERE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.


KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS QUICKLY TOOK CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE WORLD...
USHERING IN AN ERA OF PEACE.
IT IS SAID THAT USING THE HOLY SWORD EXCALIBUR...

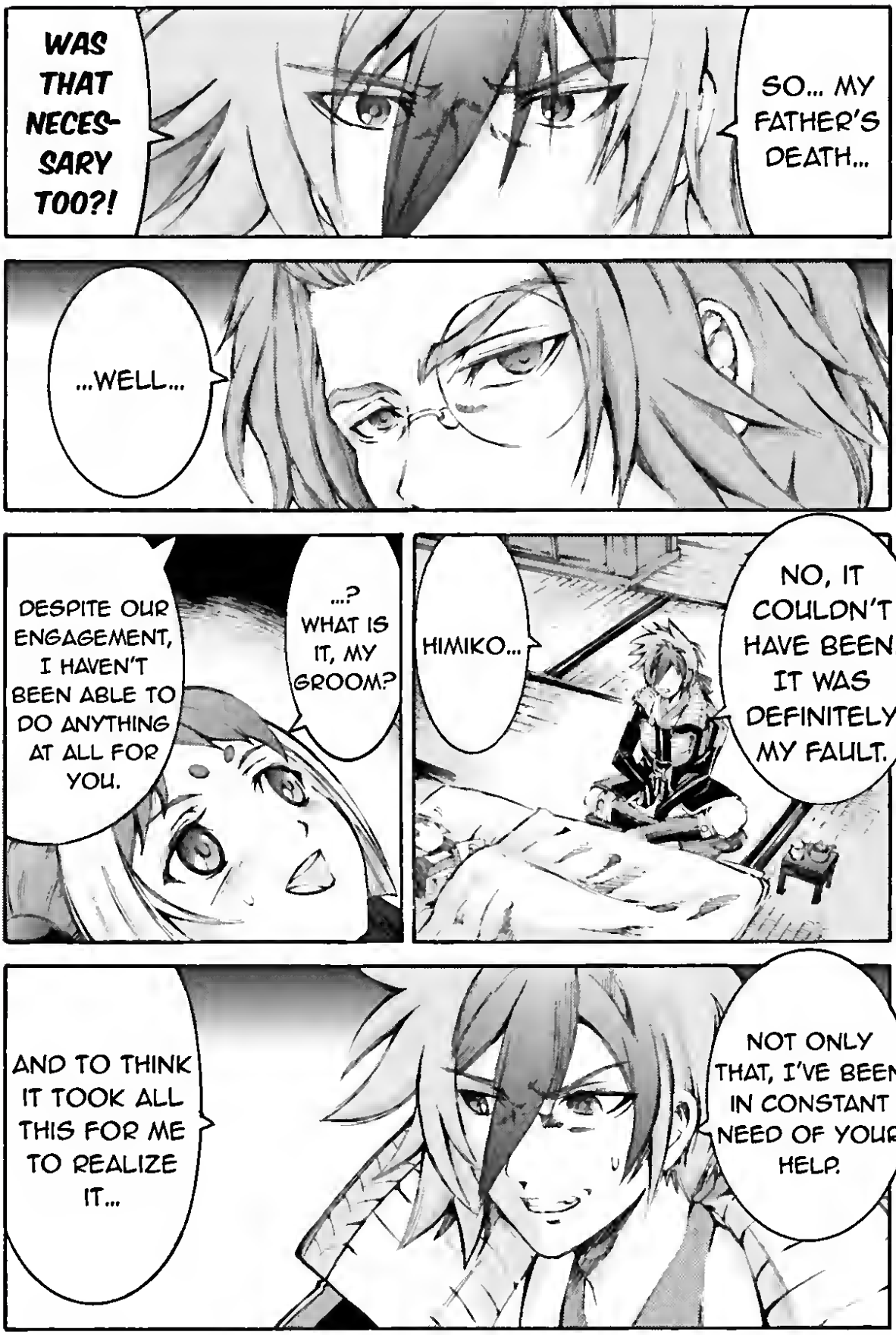
HE KIDNAPPED KING ARTHUR'S QUEEN, GUINEVERE, AND ATTEMPTED TO RULE THE LAND HIMSELF.
BUT THERE WAS A DIVISION AMONGST THE KNIGHTS. ONE OF THEM ROSE IN REBELLION...

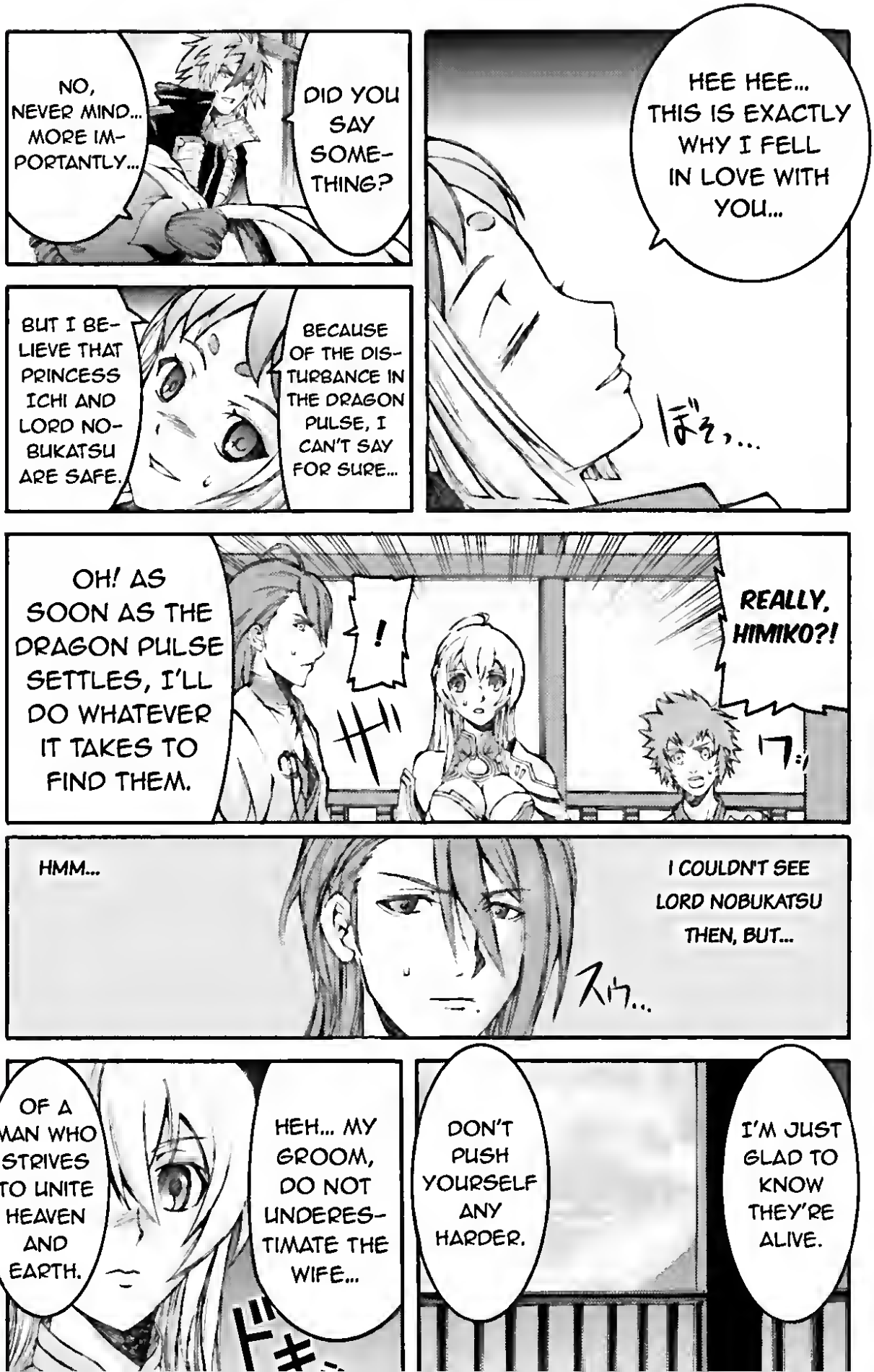
HE LAMENTED TO GOD, ASKING WHAT HE'D DONE TO DESERVE SUCH A FATE...
DRIVEN MAD BY RAGE, KING ARTHUR WATCHED HIS WORLD COLLAPSE.


BUT NOT BEFORE HE COULD TAKE THE LIFE OF THE KING'S BELOVED GUINEVERE.
THE KNIGHT WAS FINALLY STRUCK DOWN AFTER A FIERCE BATTLE...


A RELIC SAID TO POSSESS THE POWER OF RESURRECTION.
AND GOD PRESENTED HIM WITH THE HOLY GRAIL...

WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD AND THE LIKE, BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT KING ARTHUR HAS THE GRAIL...
AND HE IS MOST CERTAINLY TRYING TO USE IT TO REVIVE GUINEVERE.
BUT I SURMISE THAT THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO
THE DE-STRUC-TION OF THE WORLD.
THAT WOULD BE THE TRUE LAST SUPPER.
THAT IS TO SAY...
THE VERY REASON FOR MY OBSERVA-TIONS
IS TO WITNESS THE END OF THE WORLD.
SO YOU CARE MORE ABOUT TEST-ING YOUR OWN THEORY THAN THE FATE OF THE WORLD.
I AM NEITHER YOUR ALLY NOR YOUR ENEMY.
I AM SIMPLY AN OB-SERVER.
I ONLY PRESENTED YOU WITH THE FOOL BECAUSE IT WAS NECES-SARY FOR MY HYPOTHESIS.


WAS THAT NECES-SARY TOO?!
SO... MY FATHER'S DEATH...
...WELL...
DESPITE OUR ENGAGEMENT, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL FOR YOU.
...? WHAT IS IT, MY GROOM?
HIMIKO...
NO, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN. IT WAS DEFINITELY MY FAULT.
AND TO THINK IT TOOK ALL THIS FOR ME TO REALIZE IT...
NOT ONLY THAT, I'VE BEEN IN CONSTANT NEED OF YOUR HELP.


NO, NEVER MIND... MORE IMPORTANTLY...
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
HEE HEE... THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU...
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BUT I BELIEVE THAT PRINCESS ICHI AND LORD NOBUKATSU ARE SAFE.
BECAUSE OF THE DISTURBANCE IN THE DRAGON PULSE, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE...
OH! AS SOON AS THE DRAGON PULSE SETTLES, I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND THEM.
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REALLY, HIMIKO?!
HMM...
I COULDN'T SEE LORD NOBUKATSU THEN, BUT...
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OF A MAN WHO STRIVES TO UNITE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
HEH... MY GROOM, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE WIFE...
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DON'T PUSH YOURSELF ANY HARDER.
I'M JUST GLAD TO KNOW THEY'RE ALIVE.

WHAT CAN I DO...?
UNITE HEAVEN AND EARTH... AM I CAPABLE OF SUCH A THING?
COME ON! YOU SHOULD AT LEAST HOLD YOUR WIFE'S HAND AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
CAN I DO?!
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WHAT...
THE POWER OF DESTRUC-TION!!
THIS IS...
UNGH!!
WHA...?! THIS POWER...
MY GROOM!!
THE POWER OF THE DRAGON IS FLOWING THOUGH YOU!!

IT'S ALMOST TIME, GUINEVERE...
MY GROOM!!
I BROUGHT EVERYONE BACK TO LIFE.
I CREATED A HOMUNCULUS, AND USING THAT AS A VESSEL...
I HAVE DISCARDED THOUSANDS OF TEST MODELS...
IT HAS BEEN MANY LONG YEARS SINCE THEN...
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LIFE THAT I CAN POUR INTO THE HOMUNCULUS.
IF I COLLECT THE SACRED TREASURES, THEN THIS TIME AT LEAST, THE HOLY GRAIL WILL BE FILLED WITH LIFE...
I'VE CONCLUDED THAT I'M IN NEED OF THE SACRED TREASURES.
HOWEVER... AS YOUR SOUL CONTINUES TO ELUDE ME...
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I WILL REGRET NOTHING.
AND IF I CAN JUST DO THAT...
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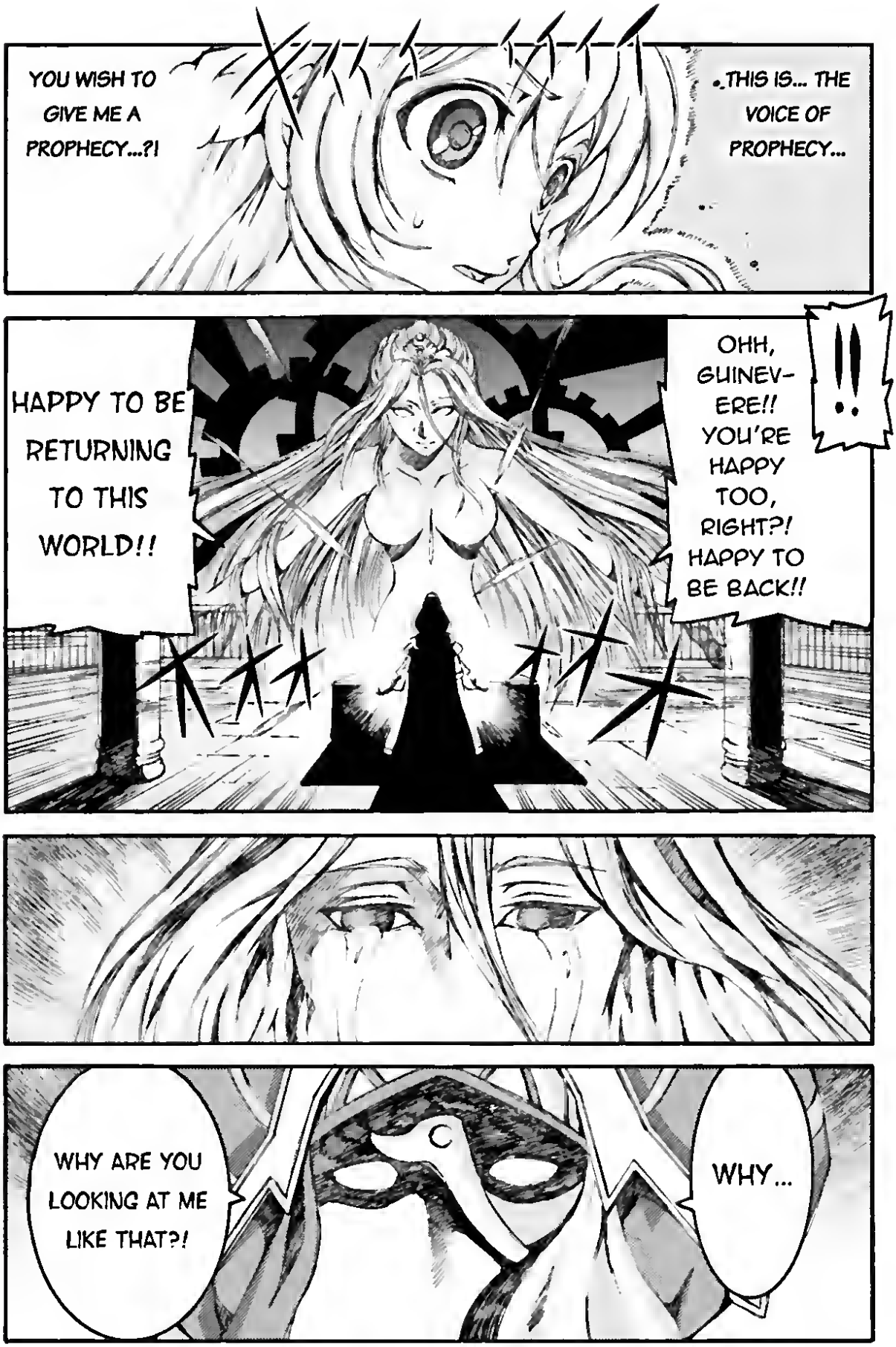
WHA...
I AM
GUINEVERE


YOU WISH TO GIVE ME A PROPHECY...?!
...THIS IS... THE VOICE OF PROPHECY...
HAPPY TO BE RETURNING TO THIS WORLD!!
OHH, GUINEV-ERE!! YOU'RE HAPPY TOO, RIGHT?! HAPPY TO BE BACK!!
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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?!
WHY...

WHA...!!
RAN-MARU!!
MY GROOM!!
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WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THEY DISAP-PEARED?!
GUOHH!!
WHAT WAS THAT...?
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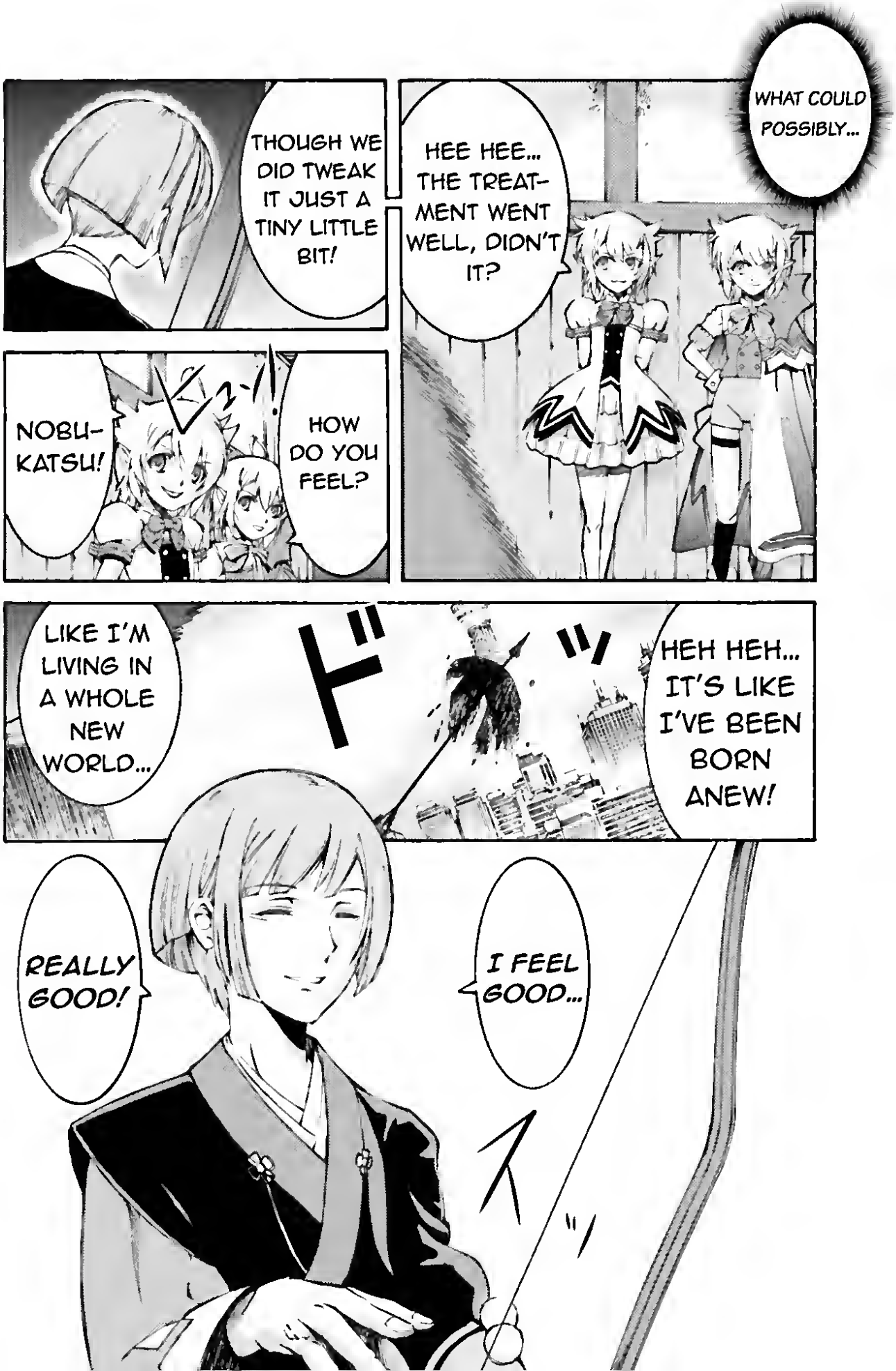
BUT HOW? THE SACRED TREASURES HAVE YET TO BE COLLECTED...
THIS LIGHT! IT'S QUANTUM ENERGY!!
LONGI-NUS PAR-TICLES!!
THAT'S THE TRUE QUANTUM HOLY LANCE!
OF A WORLD BEYOND TIME!!
BUT THE LAST SUPPER SHOULD BE THE RECON-STRUCTION...
IS SOME UNFORE-SEEN ELEMENT DISRUPTING THE EVENT?!
SALVATION AND DE-STRUCTION... DOES THE DESTRUC-TION COME FIRST...?

JEANNE... YOU MUST SAVE MY GROOM...
IS THAT... ANOTHER WORLD?
WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN...?
BUT WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THE SEQUENCE TO DIVERGE FROM MY CALCULA-TIONS...?
WE ARE PLUNG-ING TOWARD THE END...
IT SEEMS SLIGHTLY OUT OF ORDER, BUT...
HOW THRILL-ING!!
COULD LORD NOBUNAGA'S DRAGON HAVE RESPONDED TO LADY HIMIKO'S POWER?
TAKEDA'S DOMAIN


WHAT COULD POSSIBLY...
HEE HEE... THE TREATMENT WENT WELL, DIDN'T IT?
THOUGH WE DID TWEAK IT JUST A TINY LITTLE BIT!
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
NOBUKATSU!
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HEH HEH... IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN BORN ANEW!
LIKE I'M LIVING IN A WHOLE NEW WORLD...
I FEEL GOOD...
REALLY GOOD!